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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC

Project Nos. 2710-057
2712-074

NOTICE OF APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING, READY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, SOLICITING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE,
PROTESTS, COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS,
TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Amendment of Licenses
- b. Project Nos.: 2710-057 and 2712-074
- c. Date Filed: May 18, 2011, supplemented on October 7, 2011, January 20, 2012, and March 14, 2012.
- d. Applicant: Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC
- e. Name of Projects: Orono Project 2710-057
Stillwater Project 2712-074
- f. Location: The projects are located on the Stillwater Branch of the Penobscot River in Penobscot County, Maine.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a - 825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Scott D. Hall, Black Bear Hydro Partners, LLC, P.O.Box 276, Davenport Street, Milford, ME 04461, (207) 827-2247
- i. FERC Contact: Ms. Rachel Price at (202) 502-8907 or Rachel.Price@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing motions to intervene, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions is 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and seven copies should be mailed to: The Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments.

Please include the project numbers (P-2710-057 and/or P-2712-074) on any motions, protests, comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, or fishway prescriptions filed.

k. Description of Application: At the Orono Project the applicant proposes to: construct and operate a second powerhouse containing three turbine-generator units with an installed capacity of 3.738 megawatts (MW); increase the normal maximum surface elevation of the reservoir by 0.6 feet; replace the existing downstream fish passage facility and install a new fish trapping facility (required by ordering paragraphs D and E of the project license); and extend the license term by three years so that it would expire in 2048. At the Stillwater Project the applicant proposes to: construct and operate a second powerhouse containing three turbine-generator units with an installed capacity of 2.229 MW; new downstream fish passage and upstream eel passage facilities; and extend the license term by 10 years so that it would expire in 2048.

l. Locations of the Application: A copy of the application is available for inspection and reproduction at the Commission's Public Reference Room, located at 888 First Street, NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, or by calling (202) 502-8371. This filing may also be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call (866) 208-3676 or e-mail FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item (h) above.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. Motions to Intervene, Protests, and Comments: Anyone may submit a motion to intervene, protest, or comments in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to

take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any motions to intervene, protests, or comments must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: Any filing must: (1) bear in all capital letters the title "MOTION TO INTERVENE," "PROTEST," "COMMENTS," "RECOMMENDATIONS," "TERMS AND CONDITIONS," or "FISHWAY PRESCRIPTIONS" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person intervening, protesting, or commenting; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All motions to intervene, protests, or comments must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All motions to intervene, protests, or comments should relate to project works which are the subject of the application. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any motion to intervene or protest must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervener files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: March 30, 2012

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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